AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A method of previewing a document over a network, the method comprising:

providing system software for use on a client, wherein the system software allows a user of the client to use a local application to request to remotely print the document, wherein the local application is configured to at least one of: display or edit the document, and wherein, in response to the request and without further user interaction, the system software: generates ~~generate~~ a print file on the client based on the document ~~using a local application~~, transmits the print file to a server in response to the generation of the print file, and prompts the user to preview a bound copy of the document using a browser in response to the transmission of the print file;

obtaining the print file from the system software executing on the client on [[a]] the server;

providing a configuration wizard for display in a browser on the client in response to a request from the client;

obtaining configuration information for the document on the server from the configuration wizard, wherein the configuration information defines finishing and binding options for a printed copy of the document;

generating a preview of a configured copy of the document on the server based on the print file and the configuration information; and

providing the preview for display at the client.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the providing system software step includes installing at least one print driver for generating the print file on the client.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

listing each of the at least one print driver on a list of available printers for the client;

selecting one of the at least one print driver using the local application;

generating the print file using the one of the at least one print driver; and

communicating the print file to the server over the network.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the providing the preview step includes:

generating a configuration user interface on the server, wherein the configuration user interface includes:

a preview area for displaying the configured copy of the document; and

a printing option area for obtaining the configuration information; and

providing the configuration user interface for display at the client.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the obtaining configuration information step includes:

obtaining a style and a printing option for printing the document;

modifying the preview based on the print file, the style and the printing option; and

providing the modified preview for display at the client.

17. (Currently amended) A method of printing a document over a network, the method comprising:

providing system software for use on a client, wherein the system software is configured to enable a user of a local application executing on the client to request generation of a print file based on the document using the local application, and generate the print file in response to the request without further user interaction;

obtaining document information for the document on the server from the system software executing on the client;

generating a unique identifier for the document on the server and transmitting the unique identifier for use by the system software;

obtaining a print file on [[a]] the server from the system software executing on the client subsequent to obtaining the document information, wherein the print file is based on the document;

storing the print file using the unique identifier;

obtaining a request for a configuration graphical user interface subsequent to obtaining the print file;

providing the configuration graphical user interface for display in a browser on the client in response to the request;

obtaining configuration information for the document on the server, wherein the configuration information includes at least one printing option for the document and defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document;

printing a plurality of copies of the document based on the print file and the configuration information; and

assembling each of the plurality of copies of the document as defined by the configuration information.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the obtaining configuration information step includes:

generating a preview of a configured copy of the document on the server based on the print file and the configuration information;

generating a configuration user interface on the server, wherein the configuration user interface includes a preview area for displaying the preview and a printing option area for obtaining a printing option;

providing the configuration user interface for display at the client;

obtaining the printing option for printing the document;

modifying the preview based on the print file and the printing option; and

providing the modified preview for display at the client.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

installing the system software on [[a]] the client, wherein the system software

includes at least one print driver for generating the print file and an upload manager for

communicating the print file to the server;

listing each of the at least one print driver on a list of available printers for the

client;

selecting one of the at least one print driver using a local application;

generating the print file using the one of the at least one print driver; and

communicating the print file to the server over the network using the upload

manager.

20. (Currently amended) A system for previewing a document over a network, the

system comprising:

system software that generates a print file on a client based on the document

and communicates the print file to a server configured to allow a user to request to

remotely print the document, wherein, in response to the request and without further

user interaction, the system software: generates a print file on the client based on the

document, transmits the print file to a server in response to the generation of the print

file, and prompts the user to preview a bound copy of the document using a browser in

response to the transmission of the print file, wherein the print file can be directly printed

by a printer;

means for obtaining the print file from the system software executing on the client

and configuration information for the document on the server, wherein the configuration

information defines finishing and binding options for a printed copy of the document;

means for generating a preview of a configured copy of the document based on the print file and the configuration information on the server; and

means for providing the preview for display at the client.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the system software includes:

a print driver that generates the print file, wherein the print driver is included on a list of available printers for the client; and

an upload manager that communicates the generated print file to the server.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 21, further comprising a local application that generates the document, displays the list of available printers and enables a user to select the print driver from the list of available printers.

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

means for generating a configuration user interface on the server, wherein the configuration user interface includes a preview area for displaying the preview and a printing option area for selecting at least one printing option; and

means for providing the configuration user interface for display at the client.

24. (Currently amended) A system for printing a document over a network, the system comprising:

<u>means for providing system software for use on a client, wherein the system</u>

<u>software is configured to enable a user of a local application executing on the client to</u>

<u>request generation of a print file based on the document using the local application,</u>

<u>generate the print file in response to the request without further user interaction, and</u>

<u>transmit the print file to a server in response to the generation of the print file without</u>

<u>further user interaction;</u>

means for obtaining a print file from [[a]] <u>the system software executing on the</u>

client and configuration information for the document on [[a]] <u>the</u> server, wherein the

print file can be directly printed by a printer and the configuration information defines

how to assemble a printed copy of the document;

means for generating a preview of a configured copy of the document based on

the print file and the configuration information on the server;

means for providing the preview for display at the client;

means for printing a copy of the document using the print file; and

means for assembling the copy as defined by the configuration information.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24, further comprising:

means for obtaining a delivery address for the copy; and

means for delivering the copy to the delivery address.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24, further comprising:

means for obtaining payment information for the copy; and

means for processing payment for the copy using the payment information.

27. (Currently amended) The system of claim 24, ~~further comprising~~ <u>wherein the system software includes</u>:

a print driver that generates the print file, wherein the print driver is included on a list of available printers for the client; and

an upload manager that communicates the print file to the server.

28. (Currently amended) A <u>method of generating a</u> graphical user interface comprising:

<u>generating content for a display area of the graphical user interface, wherein the display area includes</u>:

a preview area for displaying a preview of a configured copy of a document, wherein the preview is based on a print file and configuration information for the document, wherein the configuration information includes at least one printing option and defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document;

a navigation area that enables a user to select a portion of the preview displayed in the preview area;

an estimate area for displaying a price estimate for the configured copy, wherein the price estimate is based on the print file and the configuration information; and

a configuration area that enables the user to alter the configuration information, wherein the preview area and the estimate area are automatically updated based on the altered configuration information.

29. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer ~~useable~~ recordable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for previewing a document, the program product comprising:

program code for generating a print file on a client based on the document <u>in response to a request received from a local application executing on the client</u>, wherein the print file can be directly printed by a printer;

program code for communicating the print file to a server <u>in response to the generation of the print file without further user interaction</u>;

program code for installing the program code for generating and program code for communicating on the client, wherein the program code for installing causes an entry to be added to a list of available printers for the client;

program code for obtaining configuration information for the document, wherein the configuration information includes at least one print option and defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document;

program code for generating a preview based on the print file and the configuration information; and

program code for displaying the preview on the client.

30. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 29, wherein the program code for installing further installs the program code for obtaining and program code for generating on the client.

31. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer ~~useable~~ recordable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for printing a document, the program product comprising:

program code for providing system software for use on a client, wherein the system software allows a user of the client to use a local application to request to remotely print the document, wherein the local application is configured to at least one of: display or edit the document, and wherein, in response to the request and without further user interaction, the system software: generates a print file on the client based on the document, transmits the print file to a server in response to the generation of the print file, and prompts the user to preview a bound copy of the document using a browser in response to the transmission of the print file;

program code for obtaining a print file from the system software executing on the client and configuration information communicated over a network, wherein the print file is based on the document and the print file can be directly printed by a printer and the configuration information defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document; and

program code for printing a plurality of copies of the document based on the print file and the configuration information.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the print file can be directly printed by a printer.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the print file comprises one of: a PostScript file and a Portable Document Format (PDF) file.